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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION: VERIFICATION OF COUNTRY INFORMATION
 IN FAA INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT MANUAL

REF: CERP 5016: TUNIS A-11, JAN 29, 1974

1. UNCLASSIFIED. PARA 2 UNDER "AIRCRAFT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS" IN
TUNISIAN SECTION SHOULD NOW READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
NON-SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AND AIR TRAVEL CLUB
FLIGHTS: (1) TO LAND FOR TECHNICAL REASONS, AUTHORIZA-
TION MUST BE REQUESTED THREE WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE FLIGHT.
(2) FOR NON-SCHEDULED LANDINGS IN TUNISIA FOR COMMERCIAL
RATHER THAN TECHNICAL REASONS, THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE GIVEN TEN DAYS' ADVANCE NOTICE PRIOR
TO PROPOSED LANDING. (3) OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE MUST BE
OBTAINED BEFORE THE FLIGHT. (AIR TRAVEL CLUB FLIGHTS ARE CON-
SIDERED COMMERCIAL CHARTER OPERATIONS.) END QUOTE.

2. ADD UNDER "SPECIAL NOTICES": QUOTE IN ORDER TO
ESTABLISH REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL LANDINGS,
AUTHORIZATION MUST BE REQUESTED FROM THE MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (CIVIL AVIATION
OFFICE, 1, RUE D'ATHENES, TUNIS) THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE
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FIRST PROPOSED LANDING IN TUNISIA. END QUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LOU. ACCORDING TO FORMAL GOT VIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, AUTHORIZATION FOR NON-SCHEDULED LANDINGS AND OVERFLIGHTS NOTED UNDER (1) AND (3) PARA 1 ABOVE MUST BE OBTAINED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS FOR AIR CARRIERS OF COUNTRIES NOT HAVING CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENTS WITH TUNISIAN. THE PROVISION HAS APPEARED IN PREVIOUS ISSUES OF FAA MANUAL. WE SUGGEST OMISSION FROM 75 ISSUE BECAUSE AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER WESTERN AVIATION OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT, IN ACTUAL FACT, NECESSARY PERMISSIONS FOR OVERFLIGHTS AND COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL LANDINGS ARE INVARIABLY OBTAINED BY INTERESTED PRIVATE PARTY DIRECTLY THROUGH OFFICE OF TUNISIAN AIRPORTS (OPAT) OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT WHICH, IN TURN, OBTAINS APPROVAL OF CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES WHEN NEEDED. HOWEVER, TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF DIRECTION OF CIVIL AVIATION REFUSE TO CONFIRM THIS PROCEDURE TO EMBASSY AND MERELY REFER INQUIRIES TO PUBLISHED REGULATIONS. THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE IRRITATED IF FAA FLIGHT MANUAL STATED THAT REQUESTS NEED NOT BE OBTAINED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. AS RESULT, WE SUGGEST ABOVE TEXT WHICH LEAVES AMBIGUOUS ACTUAL CHANNEL TO BE USED.
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